

# Japs Threatening Manila

## World Keeps Guessing on Next Move of Germans

### Our Daily Bread

By H.E.A. Commentator

WILLIS TINDRENTON

Wars Past, but Christmas Is Eternal

Christmas has a mystery. Christmas this year, the prospects for many more years are dim, bright, and good will toward man is the world's outstanding characteristic of the season. But enough that this Christmas season is no mere mockery?

The war with which man has won his freedom the world over has Christmas written on it. The world is a better place and we are now at the races.

From the south of the cold drama in the north of Scandinavia, it is in full of smoke and gasoline gas, Hitler's war machine. That is, in America, America's stand back, don't move it in. The new British government with which we have been entrusted to prove the Christmas season is now ready, fitted to a purpose, determined, agreed to a bold and resounding attack.

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### Resignation of Marshall Pétain Not Confirmed

British, Red Army  
Forces Continue  
Onslaught in  
Africa, Russia

By the Associated Press  
High British quarters declared Wednesday that Adolf Hitler was initiating a new "war of nerves" by floating rumors of an imminent invasion of Spain or Turkey, while Pope Pius XII, in a Christmas eve broadcast, indicated that "such violence reigns in the world like a storm" along with a foreign office spokesman which said the Germans themselves were testing fury of another outburst of violence.

The Associated Press reported that Marshal Pétain had resigned as France's chief of state.

Pope Pius declared particularly that "there is an undivided impulse toward expansion that the idea that force creates right."

On the fighting front—North Africa—British desert forces were rapidly completing their occupation of eastern Libya, where it was officially reported to have captured two key key points in the pursuit of the Benito Mussolini and Italian forces.

The British Middle East headquarters said imperial forces had seized important Axis air base at Birma, 12 miles east of Beograd and the stronghold of Barce, 32 miles northeast of Beograd.

British armored vanguard appeared to have cut off the retreating Germans south of Bengasi, from Italian forces remaining in that port, the communiqué said.

Premier Mussolini's high command gave a gloomy picture of the desert struggle.

Russian front—Soviet dispatches reported that Red army forces had recaptured 34 populated places on the south Moscow front Wednesday and that the Germans had been driven back at least 50 miles in the Leningrad sector.

The British said the tattered, winter-parched remnants of Col.-Gen. Heinz Guderian's "once proud" German tank armies were not retreating toward Orel, 100 miles southwest of Tula.

A Red army bulletin announced the recapture of Gorbachovo, 45 miles west of Tula, and reported that Soviet vanguard had driven about 20 miles west beyond the town.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Redskin Recruiters

Birds Helped in the discovery of America. Columbus altered his course to follow the line of flight of migrating birds, the sighting of which gave the discouraged sailors heart to go on.

### Churchill in Washington



Prime Minister Winston Churchill, left, arrives at South entrance of the White House accompanied by President Roosevelt and Capt. John Beardall, Naval Attache.



### Wake Island Lost to U. S.

Marines Sink 2  
Jap Ships in Final  
Battle

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy Department made public Wednesday what may be the final chapter in the heroic defense of Wake Island, announced that radio communications with the tiny Pacific outpost had been severed—that capture of the island is probable but added that Marine Corps defenders accounted for two enemy destroyers in the final Japanese landings.

Occupied Tuesday TOKYO—(Official radio recorded by AP)—Japanese reports said Wednesday that Wake Island was occupied completely at 1 a. m. Tuesday by Japanese naval forces, defying blazing American defense guns, raging seas and violent gales, to carry out a night assault.

### Cranium Crackers

Cities of War  
War in Europe, Africa and the Far East has touched cities beginning with practically every letter of the alphabet. Here are some that begin with the same letters. Locate each and tell how it is connected with the war.

1. Moscow, Murzuck and Minsk.  
2. Tobruk, Tabriz and Taranto.  
3. Rezegh, Rostov and Riga.  
4. Hamburg, Hanoi and Hull.  
5. Vichy, Vinh, Vilpuri and Vladivostok.

Answers on Comic Page

### Star to Observe Christmas Day

As in past years The Star will suspend publication on Christmas Day, one of the newspaper's three holidays of the year, the other two being July 4 and Thanksgiving. Publication will be resumed on Friday.

### Forty Attend Duck Dinner

Sen. Spencer  
Guest of Honor  
at Hotel Henry

More than forty local citizens were guests of the Diamond Cafe Tuesday night at the establishment's annual duck dinner in the dining room of the Hotel Henry.

Senator Lloyd Spencer, who is home from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays, was the guest of honor and the principal speaker. Roy Anderson acted as master of ceremonies.

Colonel D. C. Cabell, Commanding Officer, has expressed willingness of the government to accept such patriotic contribution of their services in the very near future.

Certainly actions like these coming from Christian workers of a Christian nation at Christmas time are expressive of the principals and rights as believed in by all and for which our government stands.

Philadelphia public schools are establishing model airplane clubs in junior and senior units.

### SPG Employees Donate Work

Patriotic Group to  
Give Government  
Days Work

Major Werner C. Strecke, Area Engineer, Southwestern Proving Ground, Wednesday announced that while it has long been known and evidenced by actual achievement that the employees of W. E. Callahan Construction Company engaged in the performance of constructing the Southwestern Proving Ground at Hope, Arkansas, have been a conscientious, patriotic, loyal group of workers. It is inspiring to note that this fact has been so forcefully punctuated by initiation on the part of employees of the Electrical Department, Electricians, Technicians, and helpers of a movement whereby they will donate to the cause of the defense program, through patriotic devotion, a full day of their work, without reference to any remuneration whatsoever. This in no small way expresses their patriotism and reflects deeply the unity and loyalty of these men to the greatest government on earth.

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### One Injured in Shooting

Little Hope  
Held for Pine  
Bluff Resident

PINE BLUFF—(AP)—Ford Belligramp, about 40, president of a Pine Bluff bottling company, was removed to a hospital early Tuesday with a bullet wound in the head following a shooting affray in a residential section participated in by police officials.

Chief of Police Met Gallagher opened an investigation.

At the hospital where Belligramp was treated attendants held little hope for his recovery.

Mixed English

A dialect English consisting of Cockney, African and Oxford is heard more in Colon, Panama, than is Spanish. This English is spoken by negroes brought from the West Indies originally to help build the Canal.

Malco Employees  
Paid in Bonds

Theater Workers  
Receive Bonuses  
and Gifts

Employes of the Malco Theaters, Inc. received bonuses and Christmas gifts in defense bonds and stamps. M. S. McCord, director, announced Wednesday.

The Malco company, owners of Hope's Rialto and Sannger theaters, employed more than 600 persons who received over \$20,000 in pay.

Every employee of the company received a gift.

CHRISTMAS  
SEALS

Buy now and put them on your holiday mail.

They cost so little but do so much.

Every citizen should lend a helping hand in this voluntary campaign.

Talbot Field, Jr.,  
County Chairman  
Rev. J. E. Har-  
rill, City Chair-  
man.

Protect Your Home from  
Tuberculosis

Answers on Comic Page

### World War Map on Pages 4-5 — Save It

A two-page world map showing America's battle fronts in both Europe and Asia appears on pages 4-5 of today's Star—tear it out now and save it so you can follow the wire news from day to day.

This completes your file of detailed war maps printed by The Star, a full-page map of the Pacific war zone having been published December 18.





VIA FOD

Defense Training  
Ahead of '17

WASHINGTON — The United States is now ahead of its first "War" training for industrial work, according to Education Commissioner John W. Studebaker. His report as of Nov. 30, 1,775,000

trained for industry or 30 states as many as were trained in the first World War when only 11,000 persons were prepared for war industries.

H. S. Tinker of Tropicana, Calif., holds the world's record for shooting the largest boulders overhand. It weighed 141 lb. pounds.

## A HOLIDAY THOUGHT

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendly associations in the past. It reminds us of the splendid patronage that has been ours to enjoy and the confidence that shown in our organizations manifest most forcibly by the continuance of your goodwill.

We sincerely trust that we may continue to enjoy the same amicable associations throughout the years to come.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

HOPE BASKET CO.



## GREETINGS

It is the goodwill created by this joyous Christmastime that inspires us to send you a word of cheer. May the spirit of the Yuletide season spread throughout the coming year and make this community a better place in which to live.

The Season's Best Wishes to each of you.

REPHAN'S

"The Friendly Store"



WISHING YOU HAPPINESS AT

## CHRISTMAS

AND  
EVERY JOY  
IN THE COMING  
YEAR

HOPE  
CONFECTIONERY

Louis Andy

S WE ENTER INTO  
another Holiday Season  
we wish to extend our profound thanks for the gracious friendships we have enjoyed.

May you enjoy the best of everything, not only this year and next, but during those to follow. May your hopes and dreams be fulfilled and may you enjoy Health, Happiness and Genuine Contentment.

A Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

To you, whom we serve every day, we send a Christmas Greeting.  
MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU JOY... AND PEACE... AND THE NEW YEAR HAPPINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE

Leo Compton's  
Service Station  
Telephone 666  
Hope

Bruner-Ivory Handle Co.  
HOPE

Perkinson's Jewelry

HALL BROS.

HOPE STAR, HOPE, ARKANSAS

Wednesday

These Men  
Ducked 8 Ball  
Actor Herbert  
Marshall Over-  
comes Loss of Leg

By LUCILLE REINHOLD  
OF THE HOPE STAR STAFF

Actor Herbert Marshall, who  
recently lost his leg in a shooting  
accident, has been a successful  
pool player since his return to the  
stage.

Marshall, 40, was shooting a  
game of eight ball when he was  
hit in the leg by a bullet from a  
gun.

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# Merry Christmas

May this old fashioned Greeting  
remind our  
SINCERE APPRECIATION

Of your good will and patronage  
and our every wish for a most happy  
and prosperous New Year.

WARD & SON

The Smoking Company



## FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you  
for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever ex-  
perienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all  
the blessings that have been made possible by  
friendship of long standing, that we ex-  
tend our best wishes for your happiness on  
this Christmas day and every day of  
the coming year.

Hope Builder Supply Co.

1001 E. 12th Street, Hope

ONE OF THE  
PLEASURES  
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CHRISTMAS  
IS THE JOY  
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TO FRIENDS  
LIKE YOU

HOPE AUTO CO.

Your Ford Dealer

## Ferry Ships

## Live Sea Epic

### British Destroyers Patrol Lifeline to Africa

(This story was written by Larry Allen for the AP Feature Service shortly before he was reported missing while aboard a British cruiser during action in the Mediterranean.)

By LARRY ALLEN  
AP Feature Service

ALEXANDER — British destroyers of the Mediterranean Fleet, braving Nazi air attacks and navigating in pitch darkness through a graveyard of sunken ships, wrote an epic record of war service, enabling the defenders of Tobruk to hold the Libyan fortress against all air attacks.

Thousands of tons of war supplies and thousands of fresh troops landed in Tobruk harbor from April 12 until the Tobruk garrison was freed. The Navy did a job no other branch of the service could have hoped to accomplish.

Destroyer crews taking over largely the "Tobruk Gray" supply task after the garrison was surrounded worked like demons, quickly unloading

vital cargoes in the harbor, turning around ships within 90 minutes to two hours.

Tobruk was no place to tarry. Nazi long range guns gave it frequent pastings. Axis bombers made the harbor one of the hottest spots on the African continent, trying desperately but failing to hit the flow of men and materials to the besieged fortress.

In the previous siege of Tobruk garrison mostly was supplied by mine-sweepers, schooners, slow transports and escort vessels, but when the Nazis became heavier the destroyers had to do a quick job.

Reaching Tobruk, the destroyers moved up the channel with all stores and supplies aboard in numerical unloading order so not a precious moment might be lost. Lighters swung alongside and carried the cargoes ashore. Only the dimmest lights could be used because a single brilliant search might be sufficient to produce a bombing attack.

Destroyers had to move through the wreckage of 22 ships in a harbor only three-quarters of a mile wide and a mile and a half long.

Despite the Nazi air raids only one British supply ship was sunk in the harbor. Although other ships went lost outside, the casualties were not heavy.

The first time I was in Tobruk aboard a British transport carrying men and supplies I saw wrecks of more than 20 ships. These included the Italian cruiser San Giorgio, three Italian destroyers and the liners Sardinia and Liguria. Most of the other ships were from 3,000 tons upward but

## Boom Days

## in Alaska

### Klondike Days Re- Vived in Defense Preparations

By SAM JACKSON  
AP Feature Service Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska—The situation in the Pacific created a boom in Alaska which rivaled the great gold rush of the nineties even before war broke out.

The Army and Navy striving to make up lost time in creation of strategic bases, shipped men and materials northward this year in a volume unequalled since the heyday of the Klondike.

The number of armed forces in Alaska is a military secret. But figures disclosed by the federal employment service indicate that civilian workmen, plus their families and persons moving in for collateral business enterprises, almost equal the 18,000 men who went over Chilkoot Pass in the greatest previous boom of 1898.

This does not sound big in the United States proper, but it must be remembered that Alaska's population in 1940 was only 71,911. The largest town in the territory, Juneau, has only 5,748 people.

An example of the snowballing boom is the Sexton family of Anchorage. Sexton senior built a skating rink. Then he sent for his wife. Five daughters and a future son-in-law came too. Such migration as this does not show up in employment figures. Big Order

The navy is building three major bases in Dutch Harbor, Kodiak and Etika. The army has several major developments, including a base at Anchorage and Fairbanks. In addition to these there are many smaller projects, largely airfields. The Civil Aeronautics Authority has its hand in some of them.

The land to be protected by these, counting peninsulas and islands, straddles nearly as far and wide as the United States itself. The net area is 584,000 square miles, about one-fifth of the mother country's.

Money to Burn

Wages on these projects have been high compared with those in the states. Rush conditions have allowed much extra work at time-and-a-half or double time. An electrician recently exhibited a \$200 check for a week's work.

At one remote airfield the minimum wage for eight hours. At another field a welder was offered exactly double his current earnings at Juneau.

The great Alaska Juneau gold mine stated in its financial report that a slump in production was caused by workmen being lured away to highly paid defense work.

Tapering Off

The territorial employment service nevertheless has warned hopeful workmen not to rush north. Distances between the scattered outposts of civilization are great and both travel and living are expensive. Furthermore, the service says, hours are being stabilized and the big overtime pay is diminishing.

Added to the defense jackpot of 1941 has been another golden shower—a salmon fishing season in southeastern Alaska of unprecedented richness. Indians with a puffing little outboard motor have made \$3,000 to \$5,000 in a few weeks work in some cases. The Scandinavians who own the larger boats have found themselves on easy street. And the golden harvest has been shared by the rank and file of cannery workers.

A Change of View

The average well-informed resident wishes his countrymen "outside" would do just one thing-stop looking at the globe sideways and look at it from the top. The school-taught geography, it is contended, shows Alaska to be way up near the North Pole and shows Japan and potential enemies in Europe to be far across the ocean.

Look at the world from the top—with the North Pole in the middle of the picture and you'll see how close "Uncle Sam's attic" is to both Japan and the coast of occupied Norway. Russians have flown over the North Pole to Alaska and even continued non-stop to California. In fact, some Alaskans refer to the Arctic ocean as the "Mediterranean of the future."

### 50-Cent Payoff Clears This Conscience

KENOSHA, Wis. —(P)—Somewhere in Kenosha, a youthful conscience is at ease. Scribbled in childish handwriting and containing 50 one cent stamps, this letter was received at a local market. "During the year I have pilfered some things from your counters and I think the enclosed will pay for it. I'm sorry I done it."

It will be impossible to get their names until they are raised.

Rear Admiral Irvine Glemie, directing the operations of the destroyers attached to the Mediterranean fleet, described the "Tobruk ferry" as "just another navy job, but it was difficult because of the air attacks and shellings they faced; the destroyers had to work in pitch darkness."

Admiral Glemie disclosed that from April 12 until December 10 destroyers landed 29,000 troops, evacuated 33,000 from Tobruk and discharged 34,000 tons of stores.

The destroyers frequently changed their courses, zig-zagging to and from Tobruk to avoid submarine air attacks and "Fox" enemy reconnaissance aircraft.

Australian, South African and Greek units during the last several months greatly aided the work of keeping the Tobruk garrison supplied. Without the navy keeping open the route to Tobruk, however, there is no doubt the garrison soon would have found itself in serious difficulties since with the axis forces blocking all land routes there was no possibility of getting supplies via the desert.

hostess. The Devotional was given by Mrs. Fred Caldwell. Christmas carols led by Mrs. L. E. Boyce were sung by the group. Twenty two members answered the roll call by telling what their poultry flock had meant to their family this year. The best story was from Mrs. Frank DeJeney who said that her flock had fed her family. Reports were given of the cooking school held recently at Mrs. Boyce. Mrs. T. M. McCorkle announced her leaders for next year. At the conclusion of the business meeting the members were invited to the living room where a beautifully decorated tree held gifts for every one. During the social period that followed two contests were conducted by Mrs. Lee Hipp. Mrs. J. O.

Johnson Jr. and Mrs. T. M. McCorkle were the winners. The hostess served delicious sandwiches and cookies with hot cocoa and coffee. The club will meet with Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Jr. in January.

## Chicago Goes Western

CHICAGO —(P)—Modern methods of crime detection were almost thrown for a loss by this one. Morris Udal, a junk dealer, reported that horse thieves drove away with his faithful black mare while he was making a business call.

The raven was the first bird to be sent out from the ark by Noah. When it failed to return, he sent out a dove.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Employees of this company join in  
extending to our customers best  
wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Oklahoma  
Tire & Supply Co.  
Associate Store

Bob Elmore, Owner

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Not from the standpoint of  
custom only do we send you this  
message of Christmas cheer, but with genuine  
appreciation of our pleasant associa-  
tions in the past. We extend to you  
our best wishes, and may happiness  
and prosperity be yours through all the  
year.

Scott Stores

Hope's Leading 5c & 10c

## Western Auto Associate Store

TED JONES, Owner

## THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER IS HERE!

As you gather with friends and loved ones for a festive Christmastime, please be mindful that our thoughts are for you and yours. We wish you a season of happiness, mingled with the many blessings you so richly deserve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ramsey

A Sincere 'Thank You'

For your friendly patronage which has  
contributed so greatly to our welfare  
during the past year.

A Cordial Wish...

For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous  
New Year, to each of those whom it has  
been our privilege to serve.

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OF GOOD  
WISHES

to You,  
and YOU  
AND YOU!

We are truly thankful for the  
privilege of working with you  
in the past twelve months and  
we are hoping that you will call  
on us many times during the  
New Year.

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